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SUBJECT: CLOSING OF EXIMBANK OFFICES IN HONG KONG AND VIENNA

1. ON JUNE 30 EXIMBANK WILL CLOSE ITS REGIONAL OFFICES IN HONG KONG AND VIENNA AS PART OF A REORGANIZATION BEGUN EARLIER THIS YEAR TO REEDISTRIBUTE RESOURCES OVER THE BROADER AREA OF EXIMBANK'S INTERESTS IN ORDER TO INTENSIFY ITS IMPACT WORLD-WIDE. THE BANK GREATLY APPRECIATES THE SUPPORT ITS REGIONAL OFFICES HAVE RECEIVED IN HONG KONG AND VIENNA, AS WELL AS THAT ACCORDED VICE PRESIDENTS RAND AND DIETZ DURING THEIR TRIPS THROUGHOUT THEIR REGIONS.

2. IN ORDER TO CONTINUE ACTIVE PROMOTION OF U.S. EXPORTS, ASSISTANCE TO PROSPECTIVE IMPORTERS AND EFFECTIVE EXIMBANK REPRESENTATION WORLD-WIDE, THE BANK AND STATE DEPARTMENT ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPING VARIOUS PROGRAMS TO ASSIST BOTH FOREIGN SERVICE AND

EXIMBANK PERSONNEL IN THESE TASKS. SUCH PROGRAMS WILL INCLUDE A STEPPED UP BRIEFING PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON AND THE FIELD; MORE INFORMATION ON EXIM POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES FOR FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS; AND FULLER EXIMBANK PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL OFFICER CONFERENCES. FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE MEASURES WILL BE TRANSMITTED SOON. IN ADDITION TO GENERAL PROGRAMS, EXXIMBANK WILL CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH INDIVIDUAL POSTS ON SPECIFIC CASES AS AT PRESENT. THE BANK WILL APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE ON THE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT YOU NEED AS WELL AS YOUR ASSISTANCE IN EVALUATING AND HANDLING FINANCING REQUIREMENTS GENERATED IN YOUR AREA.

3. WHERE POSSIBLE, INQUIRIES REGARDING EXIMBANK ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE ANSWERED BY THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTIONS AT FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS. WHERE INQUIRIES PRESENT A Y DIFFICULTY, POSTS SHOULD RELAY THEM TO EXIMBANK USING STATE DEPARTMENT CHANNELS, EXXIM TELEX 89461 OR DIRECT MAIL. TO FACILITATE ACTION POSTS SHOULD ADDRESS INQUIRIES TO THE APPROPRIATE GEOGRAPHIC VICE PRESIDENTS WHO ARE: AFRICA (SOUTH OF THE SAHARA), EARL YOUNG; ASIA (INDIA AND EASTWARD) CHARLES HOUSTON; EUROPE AND CANADA, RAYMOND ALBRIGHT; LATIN AMERICA, EDWARD O'CONNOR; AND MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA, CLAYTON NORRIS. INGERSOLL

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